

IN THE MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS

ORDER

Re: **Eugene Jetts Jr v Stewart Bldg Co Inc**
Docket No. **280114**
L.C. No. **2006-079779-FH**

William C. Whitbeck, Chief Judge, acting under MCR 7.203(F)(1) and 7.216(A)(10),
orders:

The claim of appeal from the August 14, 2007 stipulated order to dismiss rest of the appellants' claims and the cross-claim without prejudice so appellants could appeal a June 27, 2007 order is DISMISSED for lack of jurisdiction. "The parties' stipulation to dismiss the remaining claims without prejudice is not a final order that may be appealed as of right; it does not resolve the merits of the remaining claims and, as such, those claims are 'not barred from being resurrected on that docket at some future date.' *Wickings v Arctic Enterprises, Inc*, 244 Mich App 125, 134-136; 624 NW2d 197 (2000). The parties' stipulation to dismiss the remaining claims was clearly designed to circumvent trial procedures and court rules and obtain appellate review of one of the trial court's initial determinations without precluding further substantive proceedings on the remaining claims. This method of appealing trial court decisions piecemeal is exactly what our Supreme Court attempted to eliminate through the 'final judgment' rule. MCL 7.202(7)(a)(i) [sic]; *McCarty & Associates, Inc v Washburn*, 194 Mich App 676, 680; 488 NW2d 785 (1992)." *City of Detroit v State of Michigan*, 262 Mich App 542, 545; 686 NW2d 514 (2004). If appellants still want to challenge the interlocutory June 2007 order before the entry of the final order, they must file a delayed application for leave to appeal. MCR 7.203(B)(1) and 7.205(F)(1).



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